

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 15. (Amended) An immunostimulating composition comprising encapsulating microspheres, wherein said encapsulating microspheres comprise: a biodegradable-biocompatible poly(DL-lactide-co-glycolide) as a bulk matrix and
an immunogenic substance comprising a conformationally native subunit of chronic intracellular pathogen, wherein said subunit is gp 160 which, in the course of natural infection with that pathogen, is exposed to the host immune system on the surface of free pathogen and/or pathogen-infected cells.

Claim 24 (cancelled)